have academic collaboration with Sanskrit Bharti, an institution located at Jhandewalan in the National Capital;

(b) if so, whether the collaboration is intended for setting up centres for spoken Sanskrit in universities and colleges in the country;

(c) whether the Committee has unanimously decided to have academic collaboration with Sanskrit Bharti, for identifying proper teachers and conducting the courses; and

(d) if so, how many univerisities and colleges in the country have implemented this decision so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by UGC, there is no academic collaboration with Sanskrit Bharti.

Representation from Maharashtra regarding ICDS

4726. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Maharashtra Government and Anganwadis' Union regarding Intergrated Child Development Service Scheme; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [(SHRIMATI) SUMITRA MAHAJAN]: (a) No representation has been received from the Government of Maharashtra. A representation was, however, received from Akhil Bhartiya Anganwadi Karamchari Kriti Samiti, Thane, Maharashtra demanding improvement in their service conditions, including increase in honorarium.

(b) In principle it has been agreed to almost double the amount of honorarium for Anganwadi Workers and Helpers. The State

Governments have already been requested to take necessary action on other demands.

Modified Students Computer Programme

†4727. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAMJETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start computer education system in 60,000 schools under modified Students Computer Programme, to provide computer education in the country;

(b) if so, in which States these 60,000 schools have been selected, giving the Statewise number thereof; and

(c) the average number of students who would get computer education annually in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) scheme to impart computer education to the students of Government and Government aided schools. Under the scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States/UTs on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by the States/UTs. Besides the KVS and NVS would convert one school per State/ UT into a SMART school for which a grant of not more than Rs. 25 lakhs would be given per SMART school. Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas would also be given funds at the rate of Rs. 15,000/-per neighbourhood school to impart computer literacy to 10 neighbourhood schools to cover 10,000 such schools over a period of three years.

So far, nineteen States/UTs have been released funds under the scheme, on the basis of CPs submitted by them. The names of States/ UTs and the number of schools which have been granted financial assistance under the revised CLASS scheme is enclosed.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.